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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
- PATENT APPLICATION -**

Applicant:	Clinton O. Fruitman	Docket No.:	29131.0217
Serial No.:	09/008,148	Art Unit:	3723
Filed:	January 16, 1998	Examiner:	E. Morgan
Title:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CHEMICAL MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES		

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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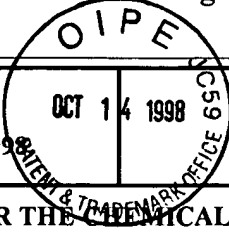
Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated July 9, 1998, Applicant submits the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

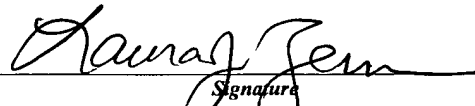
In the Examiner's Office Action dated July 9, 1998, the Examiner rejected Applicant's claims 4-10 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 8-13, 16-19, 1, and 2 of U.S. Patent No. 5,769,691. The instant application is a continuation application of Serial No. 08/662,678, which is now the subject of issued Patent No.

GP. 3723

<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>29131.0217</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Clinton O. Fruitman</b>					
Serial No. <b>09/008,148</b>	Filing Date <b>January 16, 1998</b>		Examiner <b>E. Morgan</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3723</b>	
Invention: <b>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE CHEMICAL MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES</b>					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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INDEP. CLAIMS	2 -	3 =	0 x	\$82.00	\$0.00
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